

and Eve in Eden when they associated with the Lord, and were free from the curse of sin is a true picture of the home of the blessed, and it is reasonable to believe that our Lord used it as such. The words, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise" are plain and significant.

Again is it not a fact taught us all through the scriptures that wherever the Lord is there will his disciples be also? The parable of Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, the assertion "I go to prepare a place for you," that where I am, ye may be also, the dying words of Stephen "Lord Jesus receive my spirit," the vision of John when he beheld the innumerable throng of those "who had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," the positive promise "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise," and the universal belief by all Christians that those who die in faith will immediately go to heaven, is proof enough that when we leave the battle field we shall enter into glory. We talk that way, we think that way, we preach that way, we pray that way, and those of us that have friends "over yonder" do not want to believe any other way, and if it is not so, a great many positive expressions in the Bible will have to be explained away. Brethren let us take the scriptures in their easiest sense.

I truly believe that all the mystery there is about the scripture, man has placed there. We will form certain theories and ideas, and then compel the scripture to prove them. I do not believe that the general run of the practical people take kindly to far-fetched arguments. Let us be careful lest we mystify instead of enlighten.

I believe the Bible to be written more for the purpose of telling us how to live, than to explain the resurrection and the great eternity. That there is an eternity we are positively told. Also, that it is within our possibility to spend that eternity in happiness and joy with the Lord. By the great picture of heaven in the vision of John, when earthly material such as pearly gates, jasper walls, golden streets, &c., are used to express its beauty, it is impossible for our human minds to grasp at the true glory. It seems as if God can only make us understand by using similitudes with which we are familiar. Let us trust God for our eternal happiness. He will keep his part of the contract and see to our salvation. Our duty is to live out our principles.

I believe that these little discussions are for the development of truth, and they show our interest in these great principles. So I hope the brother will receive these criticisms kindly, as they are only intended for good.

And now the two Ohio pioneers of Progression have somewhat differed in their opinion of Elder Eby's will. These two opinions of the German Baptist condition of affairs are not intended to differ. Bro. Brown is only riveting the assertion of Bro. Yoder. The advocates of uniformity have reason to lament over the present state of the old church. Still there is one thing I cannot endorse, neither do I think it is honest and manly. It is a well known fact that uniformity is one of the principles

of the G. B. church. And I do not think it honest for any one under present circumstances to go into that church with the intention of opposing their fundamental principles. If they do not believe in uniformity they cannot be a consistent G. B. There was a day when they proclaimed themselves to be ruled by the Bible alone, and so many were inveigled into the church only to find it otherwise. We honestly and openly fought the innovation of uniformity, and were disfellowshipped. Now it is different. They advocate these unscriptural doctrines openly. Therefore anyone going into the church determined not to obey the law is not doing right. Especially is it wrong when there is a church that exactly covers the ground upon which they desire to stand.

On the other hand it is wrong for any to come into the gospel-alone church, and try to drag a lot of annual meeting practices with them. Uniformity, special covering, and other practices are really the creation of annual meeting, and the advocates of such doctrine should go where they are advocated and practiced. This would be the consistent thing to do. Of course no one objects to individuals entertaining and practicing these opinions, but to enforce them upon others, and advocate them, is not within the scope of a gospel-alone church.

If the members of the German Baptist church who do not believe in the decisions of annual meeting would leave them, what a stampede there would be!

We came up to Pleasant Hill on last Thursday. At our first meeting one sister came forward.

On this (Friday) evening, we expect to preach on either the Lord's Supper or Feet-washing. There will be services on Saturday afternoon, at 2:30, and in the evening we will have a communion service.

On Sunday morning we expect to have a service for the children. I wonder sometimes if we pay as much attention to the spiritual welfare of the children as we ought to. They will come to church throughout the whole year, and sit patiently through the long service, at least it is long to them, and not one word is spoken to them. Is it any wonder that they will whisper and play during the ordeal? The active mind of a child cannot be kept still, while it is awake. It must find some employment. We believe it is our duty to show our desire for their welfare, by having special services for their benefit.

On next week, the Brethren at Dayton contemplate holding a meeting at the Christian church on Broadway, Miami City. I have consented to preach for them part of the time at least. We hope those living in the vicinity will do their best to aid in making it a success.

Bro. Hildebrand uttered the experience of many if not all ministers, when he expressed his sympathy for the feelings of Jonah when he shrank from preaching to the Ninevites. It is a blessing for us however that the Lord does not undertake the same plan to bring us back to our senses and our duty, or the whales would have a busy time of it. But all's well that ends well, even with our modern "pro-

gressive" Jonah, as with the Jonah of old.

We notice that the Brethren at Ashland, in looking around for a new Board of Trustees for Ashland College under the new regime, have selected our brother, V. E. Wampler, of Dayton, as one. This is a good selection. Bro. Vern is a live, progressive, active member with the cause dearly at heart. With a board of trustees constituted of such young men, the College will and must prosper.

Any of our young people of either sex who would like to form themselves into a class for the study of Theology, will please correspond with the writer at once. Then we will lose no time in making the necessary arrangements as to place and time.

I notice that the two great champions of the world have crossed swords in one of the most vital issues of the times. The champion infidel of the world has long been hurling his bold defiance in the face of Christianity. The champion of Irish liberty—W. E. Gladstone, has taken up the gauntlet and now comes the clash of arms. The great English statesman, an octogenarian, while in the midst of one of the greatest struggles for liberty the world ever saw, can for a while turn aside from his weighty political duties, to strike a blow for the Christian religion.

It is only once in a dozen generations that we see such a sight. The world awaits the issue. The first article appeared in the North American Review for May, and is a masterly criticism of Ingersoll's last reply to Dr. Field. This will add greater lustre to the fame of this already great man.

EDWARD MASON.

N. E. Cor. Williams and Holt, Dayton, Ohio.

#### Falls City Items.

We reorganized our Sunday School at the Silver Creek Meeting House, April 29, with a full complement of officers and teachers. The organization was effected on a basis of union between the Brethren and German Baptists, who have thus far been occupying the meeting house every alternate Sunday for preaching. Ten classes were organized. We decided to use Cook's Quarterlies as the cheapest and best. Both, the Brethren's Quarterly, prepared by S. Z. Sharp and L. Huber, published at Mt. Morris, Ill., and the Brethren Quarterly, published by H. R. Holsinger, Chicago, were presented to the school for examination, and in doing this it was unexpectedly discovered that these two Quarterlies were exactly alike inside of the covers. This is to say the least a very remarkable coincidence, and it affords a good illustration of the scriptural teaching that we cannot always judge after the outside appearance.

Can any one explain how it happens that a sectarian Quarterly published by the German Baptist church, should teach the gospel just the same as the Brethren Quarterly published by H. R. Holsinger?

Is it not a fact that German Baptists have no fellowship with Brethren?

—And yet the gospel is taught to their children in the same words! Is not this thing an allegory showing that the differ-

ence between German Baptists and the Brethren is like their Quarterlies—on the outside—outside of gospel teaching?

Our church here suffered a loss in the removal of brother L. Johnston and his excellent family of church members and workers. They moved to Gage County, where they have reinforced the Brethren church, so that our loss has been a gain to others.

We received a few by relation, and one by baptism in their stead recently, and we hope that we may gain yet more.

E. L. YODER.

#### Rates To The Ohio S. S.

Dayton, O., May 5th, 1888.

DEAR BRO:—I have been working up the convention at Fairview and find that we will be able through the Central Traffic Association to get half-fare on all roads in the state for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and good returning Monday. Now I wish you would talk the thing up and have a notice in the EVANGELIST to the effect that all who intend going and want rates to send me their applications and about how many are going. Children under ten will go at one-fourth fare rates. I think this will bring out a crowd if properly advertised among the churches.

I have written to the Fairview people to fix for a large crowd if none of my arrangements miscarry.

Now don't forget to have them send in to me immediately about the number that wants to go.

There will also be a special train from Fairview to Washington C. H., on Saturday evening to bring people there in time to take the evening trains. This will run through to Dayton, leaving the convention after every thing is over.

Now I say that this is not absolutely certain but depends on us getting enough to go to make it worth while. Address,

V. E. WAMPLER.

Kuhns Building, Dayton, Ohio.

The undersigned received five dollars from Sister L. Stuckey for the College, and I have paid it over to Bro. Keim, who will send it to the right place. Sister Stuckey is not very able bodied physically, but she thought she could make a pull with a five dollar bill. This is the right way to pull on the College. Hope many more sisters will give that kind of a pull.

LEWIS HANG.

EDITOR OF EVANGELIST:—I notice in No. 17, of the EVANGELIST in my communication from Sabetha, I am made to say G. B. B. herd. That would seem a hard saying, and whether it was my mistake or the printers I would stand corrected. I think it read G. B. Brethren.

MRS. G. W. MYERS.

Sabetha, Kansas.

Bro. Samuel Cain, of the Waterloo, Church, Iowa, writes:

We are all getting along pretty well and are enjoying good health at present. Bro. Wise is among us and is getting along very pleasantly and as far as I can understand he is filling the pulpit with good satisfaction to all. He and wife show a very good example to the church, and I trust they will do well and feel at home with us. Brother Wassam, the sick brother whom we thought could not live, has rallied again and is sitting up, unexpected to everybody.

#### OUR CHURCH.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. Ramsey's illness.

The letter from Williamsport is a newswy message.

Eld. P. J. Brown stopped on his return from the Valley last week.

Pentecost, May 20th, is College Day for church and Sabbath Schools.

Bro. J. B. Lair is spending his weeks at employment in Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. A. L. Garber expects to be at the German Baptist annual meeting and will be pleased to meet the brethren of Indiana and other states who may be there.

Bro. Wm. Kieter will preach in the Disciple church, three miles west of West Salem, Ohio, on the Cleveland road, on Sunday, the 18th of this month, at half past 10 o'clock.

Let every one who proposes to go to the Ohio S. S. Convention, at Fairview, June 15th, write at once to Bro. V. E. Wampler, Dayton, Ohio, Kuhns Building, and send his name, and he will arrange for reduced rates. Don't delay.

The graduating class of the College this year are nearly all members of the church, and the exercises will take place on the evening of May 31st, and no doubt there will be a very large gathering. Several of the graduates are ministers.

The brethren and sisters of the Jones Mills church, Westmoreland Co., Pa., have decided to hold their spring Love feast on Sunday evening, May 27th. Meeting to commence Saturday evening, the 19th. All are invited to enjoy these meetings with the brethren and sisters. Come over and help us, please.

There will be a Communion meeting in the Brethren meeting house in Washington Co., Pa., on Saturday evening, May 19th. Meeting to commence on the evening of the 12th. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to brethren and sisters who can be with us.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Brother Edward Mason will preach a series of doctrinal sermons for us next week in the Christian Church on Broadway, West Dayton, commencing on Monday evening and continue every evening during the week, probably excepting Wednesday and Saturday evenings. You are invited to attend this service.

S. KIEHL.

Dayton, Ohio, May 5th, 1888.

The Falls City, Nebraska church lately received a member who could not understand English. Her conversion was brought about by her association with a few of our sisters who could explain the scriptures to her in the German language. This affords an illustration of the usefulness of lay-preaching. The baptismal service, prayer and laying on of hands was performed by Bro. Yoder in the German language.

If you find a good many faults, be on the lookout; but if you want to find them in unlimited quantities, be on the "look in."

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Ohio State Democratic Convention at Dayton, Ohio.

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